## **CLAIMS:**

A securing device for securing a line and/or fishing tackle to a fishing rod, the securing device comprising:

a body;

a first aperture in the body adapted to engage a fishing rod and a second aperture in the body spaced from the first aperture and adapted to releasably engage a fishing line and/or an item of terminal tackle;

wherein the body is adapted to provide compression of the second aperture 10 as a result of expansion of the first aperture.

The securing device of claim wherein the body is formed with an upper 2. surface, a lower surface and a side wall continuous with the upper and lower surfaces.

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- The securing device of claim 2 wherein the body is substantially cylindrical 3. in shape.
- The securing device of claim 3 wherein the first aperture and second 4. aperture are formed as invaginations of the side wall, the apertures providing 20 through holes from the upper to the lower surface.
  - The securing device of claim 4 wherein the first aperture is adapted to 5. releasably engage the fishing rod and is formed as a slotted bore.

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- The securing device of claim 5 wherein the bore is substantially cylindrical 6. and is located adjacent an outer perimeter of the body.
- The securing device of claim 6 wherein the edges of the slot are resiliently 7. deformable to allow passage of a rod shaft into the aperture. 30



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- 8. The securing device of any proceeding claim wherein the second aperture is spaced from and diametrically opposite the first aperture.
- 9. The securing device of claim 8 wherein the second aperture is formed as a second bore interconnecting the upper and lower surfaces.
  - 10. The securing device of claim 9 wherein the second aperture is slotted with the slot dimensioned to permit passage of a fishing leader or line.
- 10 11. The securing device of claim 10 wherein the second aperture is configured substantially cylindrically.
  - 12. The securing device of claim 10 wherein the wall defining the second aperture has sloping side walls substantially in the form of a transected cone.
  - 13. The securing device of claim 12 wherein the second aperture includes a seat.
- 14. The securing device of claim 13 wherein the seat comprises a plurality of 20 ridges.
  - 15. The securing device of claim 13 wherein the seat comprises one or more shoulders formed in the wall of the second aperture.
- 25 16. The securing device of claim 1 wherein the body is formed from polyvinyl chloride, polyethylene or polyurethane.
- 17. The securing device of claim 1 further comprising three or more apertures, wherein at least two apertures are adapted to receive different sized rods or sections of a rod and one aperture is adapted to releasably engage a fishing line and/or an item of terminal tackle.

- 18. The securing device of any one of the preceding claims wherein the wall includes one or more recesses or holes dimensioned to receive the barb of a fish hook.
- 5 19. The securing device of any one of the preceding claims wherein the colour of the securing device is fluorescent yellow, blue or red or a combination thereof.
  - 20. A kit comprising two or more securing devices formed according to claim 1, each of the two or more securing devices formed for use on a rod of a different size to that of each of the other securing devices.

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21. A method of restraining a fishing leader or item of terminal tackle, said method comprising the steps of:

placing a first aperture of a line securing device in engagement with a fishing rod, placing a terminal fishing leader and/or item of terminal tackle in a second aperture of the line securing device and sliding the securing device in a direction of increasing rod shaft diameter to thereby compress the second aperture into restraining contact with the fishing leader and/or item of terminal tackle.